

**NEWSLETTER 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended meetings with the teachers this week to share your hopes child's wonderful attributes and qualities. It really helps us to work in partnership together. Thank you for completing the online questionnaire which was overwhelmingly positive with 97% of you saying that you thought your child was happy and safe in school which is wonderful. We are very pleased that you feel the school is a caring and nurturing environment, and that communication with teachers is strong and SPSL is a place where you can bring your concerns and worries when they arise.

It is also lovely to have a sense of the developments you would like for us, such as re-establishing coffee mornings and improving lunches. We are pleased to say coffee morning are back with a difference, they are there after the class collective worship and focused on having workshops with the class teacher as well as a tea and a chat. Some of you mentioned improvements in the school lunches, we are continuing to work on this with our lunch providers, from Tower Hamlets services and more will follow. We have achieved the Silver Healthy School award for what we are planning to put in place and want to make the lunch hall more inviting whilst working on the quality of the food.

It was joyful to see so many parents and carers at our MacMillan coffee morning today; a real pleasure to connect in a good cause. A big thank you to all the adults and children who planned and organised the morning, parents/carers who contributed and attended. A special well done to Year 3 and 4 for leading on this and pupil leaders in year 6 who helped us sell the cakes. We raised over £200! Thank you so much.

Next week, we will begin our annual Harvest collection, Reception and Nursery are leading so please have a look at our posters for what to bring in<



Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Smith  
Mrs Sharpe*



**DIARY DATES**

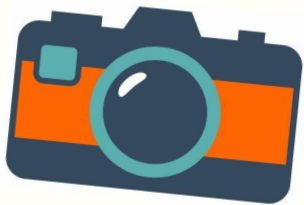
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| <b>04/10/23</b> | <b>Year 6 coffee morning &amp; application workshop with Local Authority.</b> | <b>26/09/23</b> | <b>SEND sport for a group of children – New Age Kurling</b> |
| <b>17/10/23</b> | <b>School photographs</b>   | <b>12/10/23</b> | <b>SEND climbing at Urban adventure</b>                     |

"Love one another as I have loved you" - John 15:12

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Year 1	Reuben	For using his phonics to write his sentences
Year 2	Jisan	Following the school values
Year 3	Tagim	For living the school vision in all he does. He is caring and respectful
Year 4	Nusrat	For her independent learning in RE. Excellent presentation of a gurdwara and use of vocabulary
Year 5	Izyan	For being a leader in our classroom and inspiring those around him
Year 6	Saqib	For living the school vision. He is inclusive and kind in the playground – inviting his peers to join in

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.



A big well done to all our stars of the week for living out our school vision and for exemplifying our school values – we're really proud of you!



### WORSHIP FOCUS

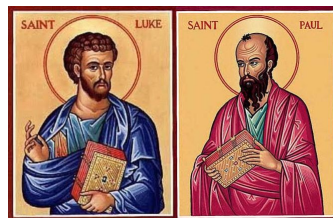
**Persevering**



Have you ever worked hard at overcoming a challenge?

What did you do?

How did it feel when you succeeded?



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# Kindness Leaves

Each week, children nominate two children in their class who have shown kindness towards them or others – truly living out our vision and values.

Let's see who was nominated this week...

Name	Act of kindness
Shahrin	She shows the school vision and is a very good role model.
Saqib	...is always there for me; he has al the kindness in the world!
Habibah	She always makes me laugh when I'm sad and then I feel better.
James	...shows kindness when I'm sad; he helps me with my situations.
Charlie	She always takes care of me when I'm hurt.
Jeremiah	He chose me to be on the top table.
Aamira	...for playing with me when I'm sad.
Liyana	She is so helpful to me.
Jisan	... for sharing his toys with me.
Phong	For playing with me.


















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# COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

Making a difference beyond our school

Each class has a courageous advocate who they look to for inspiration in making a difference to the world beyond our school.

See the list of advocates and charities each class will support this year.

Class	Bird	Courageous Advocate	Charity
Nursery)	<i>Humming Bird</i> 	Denise Bentley – CEO of First Love Foundation Foodbank. 	First Love Foundation
Reception	<i>Wren</i> 		
Year 1	<i>Owl</i> 	Jesus 	Comic relief
Year 2	<i>Swan</i> 	Ade Adepitan 	
Year 3	<i>Parrot</i> 	Marcus Rashford 	Macmillan
Year 4	<i>Swallow</i> 	Greta Thunberg 	
Year 5	<i>Robin</i> 	Emily Pankhurst 	Water Aid
Year 6	<i>Dove</i> 	Malala Yousafzai 	
Flamingo	<i>Flamingo</i> 	Camilla Pang 	Jeans for Jeans

Ask your child what they have already learned about their courageous advocate.

**Why were/are they courageous?**

**What can we learn from them?**

**What can we do to be like them?**

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# COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

Making a difference beyond our school

### Enriching our curriculum with love and courage beyond our school

WHEN & Who leads	WHAT CHARITY	WHAT WE DO IN SCHOOL
September 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Jean for Jeans Flamingo class	Wear jeans and donate £1
September 29 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4	Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning	Wear green, cake bake, coffee morning
October (TBC) Early Years	Harvest First Love Food bank	Donate food, Share with St Pauls and Frist Love, Worship at St Paul's
October Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Show Racism the Red Card	Lessons on raising awareness Wear red on the day
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
November 6-12 <sup>th</sup> Year 5	Democracy Week	Visit to the house of Commons, invite a local politician. Children raise projects that are important locally.
November 1-11 <sup>th</sup> Pupil Leaders	Remembrance	Collective worship on Remembrance Day and home learning design a poppy competition. Philosophy for Children followed by Anti-bullying week
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need	Spotacular focus – wear spots and donate £1.
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>		
March 15 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 & 2 focus	Comic Relief–Red Nose Day	Year 1 and 2 selling noses with office staff. Wear red again for £1 donation. Create a school joke book!
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>		
June (TBC) Y5&6	Water Aid	Whole school pupil pipeline. Donate money to charity. Year 5 and 6 poster competition - then go up in the school and community.

See our schedule for the year for ways we are living our school vision and making a difference beyond our school by enriching our curriculum, learning about courageous advocacy and supporting charities.

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# TALK TIME

There are lots of verses in the Bible that talk about perseverance. Here are three:

**Philippians 3.14: 'I press on towards the goal.'**

**Romans 5.3–4: 'Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.'**

**Galatians 6.9: 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up.'**

The theme of collective worship this week was perseverance. We learned that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. We remembered Mrs Welldon, who was a teacher who worked here many years ago.

Who is Mrs Welldon?

Joy Welldon was born in 1928 in Shoreditch. Her father abandoned her family when she was 8 years old and her mother left home shortly afterwards. She went to live with her Aunt and Uncle in Laindon, Essex. They were lovely to her but very poor. Two things as a teenager changed Joy's life: she met and married her husband at 19 years' old who then went in to the Merchant Navy during the 2nd World War. The second thing was she became a Christian.

Later she attended evening classes at Queen Mary University as she loved dressmaking. To do this she needed to take extra exams and through this she began training to become a teacher. Part of her training was to work in a local school and she became a permanent teacher at that school. The school was St Paul with St Luke. She started teaching here in September 1973 when she was 45 years old.

She loved working with the children and could not believe it was so close to where she had been born. Mrs Welldon didn't think the children knew that she had had such a difficult childhood or that she was an East Ender – just like them! She made quite an impression on the children as much as they did on her and loved every minute of her time here. Mrs Welldon retired from teaching through ill health in December 1984 but never forgot the school and the children. Mr and Mrs Welldon often talked about her very happy days here and it was her wish to give something back so they donated the buddy bench in KS1 playground. Mr and Mrs Welldon have now both sadly died.

It has been decided that as well as the bench there will be a special award for a child in year 6 who has worked very hard to achieve their best, despite sometimes facing difficult circumstances. The child would have to always be kind and caring to others and follow the school's values. The award will be to help the winner onto the next stage of their education.

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Most of all, Mrs Welldon wanted all the children to know that it does not matter where you come from or how much money you have, keep working hard and never give up. You can all achieve your hopes and dreams and have a fulfilled, happy and successful life. We hope that Mrs Welldon's story will inspire you, that a young child born in the East End could achieve so much. We hope that you too will be able to return to the school when you are older to be an inspiration to the next generation as Joy was to hers.

### **Question to discuss at home:**

Have you ever worked hard at overcoming a challenge?

What did you do?

How did it feel when you succeeded?

### **Mrs Sharpe's challenge of the week:**

Encourage someone you know that is facing a challenge. What can you do to help them in some way or show that you care?

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord,

sometimes it's hard to keep trying.

It's hard when things are tough

or when everything seems to be going wrong.

Please help us never to give up

but always to persevere.

Please help us to be people who encourage others to keep trying

as we all aim for different goals in life.

Thank you that you never give up on us.

Amen.

Next week's foci:

Collective worship: Being humble

Executive Function: Emotional control

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Next week:

School value- Celebrating Individuality

### SPSL VALUES



### CELEBRATING INDIVIDUALITY

You can show this value by...

- saying or drawing something special about you
- communicating what is special about someone else
- having friends that are different to you
- telling people about the country/countries you are from
- knowing what you are good at and what you want to improve
- telling your partner what they have done well
- joining in with cultural celebrations and events
- trying something new
- sharing your talents



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As many of you are aware, we run a variety of clubs from a stay and play, to sports clubs, to booster clubs for learning. This enables both after school provision for working parents, children following their special sport interests and keeping healthier along with additional boosts to learning so they can achieve their academic best. Hence the choices are made by parents, pupils and teachers.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 and 2 boosters	Art KS1	Art KS2		
Y3-6 boosters	Y6 boosters	Arabic		
	Choir			
Stay and Play	Stay and Play	Stay and Play	Stay and Play	Stay and Play

*Make sure you secure your place!*

### Happy Birthday to you

Name	Class
Saima	Parrot class
Phong	Owl class
Ellie	Robin class

### CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY DATES



Date	Class
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dove class – Year 6
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Owl class- Year 1
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Swallow class- Year 4
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parrot class- Year 3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Robin class – Year 5
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swan class – Year 2



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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS




Our school target is 97%

A huge well done to Year 6 for being the first class this academic year to get

**100%**  
attendance!

A close second place goes to Year 2, with 97%!  
Keep up the amazing attendance Y6!  
Could your class be the next class to join the 100 club!

Our attendance policy is on our school website.  
Paper copies are available from the office.

<b>100% Attendance</b>	<b>0 Weeks of learning missed</b>	WELL DONE Best Chance of Success!! 
<b>95% Attendance</b>	<b>1 Week, 4 Days of learning missed</b>	
<b>90% Attendance</b>	<b>3 Weeks, 4 Days of learning missed</b>	POOR ATTENDANCE I'm Worried! 
<b>85% Attendance</b>	<b>5 Weeks, 3 Days of learning missed</b>	
<b>80% Attendance</b>	<b>7 Weeks, 3 Days of learning missed</b>	VERY POOR ATTENDANCE I'm Seriously Concerned!
<b>75% Attendance</b>	<b>9 Weeks, 1 Day of learning missed</b>	



The Attendance Welfare Officer (AWO) checks our school registers regularly and will contact parents by letter, telephone or a home visit if there is a cause for concern. Formal referral of pupils with persistently less than 90% attendance may be made. Be aware that parents can ultimately be prosecuted for non-attendance offences.

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**We have raised  
over £200!**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**  
registered charity

Coffee Morning  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

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# \*SAVE THE DATE\*



## COFFEE MORNINGS CONFIRMED SO FAR

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
9-10am**

**Secondary transfer applications and support  
Led by local authority representative  
For Year 6 parents and carers**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
9:15-10am**

**PHONICS INFORMATION  
Led by Fahima Begum – English lead  
Year 1 and 2 parents/carers welcome**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
9am-10am**

**ONLINE SAFETY  
Led by Amy-Kate Garwood- from Communities Directorate in Tower  
Hamlets  
All parents and carers welcome**

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# OUR VISIT TO OUR CHURCH



As part of Open House week across London, we visited our church!

Mother Bernadette showed us around and we go to experience a different side of the church. We found out that the church is very unique as it is a Brutalist building – this is a style of architecture.

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# SPSL Harvest Festival

"Please bring in some food that we can donate, to the people that don't have food."

Sidra & Sarah

"Can you please bring some tinned or dry food?"

Jasal

"You can bring cereal and cooking oil."

Sidra & Alara

In EYFS our courageous advocate is Denise Bentley who is the CEO of First Love Foundation (A food bank charity in Tower Hamlets). We are inspired by her and want to show our love by encouraging everyone to help at Harvest. Our Harvest festival is fast approaching we would like you to ask our families if you can donate generously any dry, canned food, household goods that you may have at home.

We hope to collect all of the food in school by the 9th of October than take it to our church in special boxes decorated by the Reception children for our special Harvest collective worship.

All of the donations will then be taken to First Love Foundation Foodbank to distribute. All of your donations will be most appreciated by all of the children in EYFS as this is a sign of sharing love for one another.

From Reception children and adults

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